

City of Baraboo
Splashpad Advisory Committee
April 12, 2021 – Minutes

Present: Kimberly Brueggeman, Angela Witczak, Travis Wisner, Melody Byl, Ashley Siegler, Jasmine Schoenoff, Stephanie Wagner, Carla Cross & Mike Hardy. Also present – Blake Thiesen and Katie McDonald from Parkitecture + Planning, Rob Nelson, members of the Parks Commission and 1 member of the public.

Brueggeman called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Legal posting of the agenda had been met.

Witczak motioned to approve the March 1, 2021 minutes. Seconded by Brueggeman. Motion carried.

Brueggeman motioned to approve the agenda as printed. Seconded by Witczak. Motion carried.

Action Items:

Hardy informed the Committee that former member Robert Kappel submitted his resignation from the Committee due to his involvement with youth soccer coaching and inability to commit to meetings and fundraising activities.

Committee members discussed current fundraising efforts. Brueggeman noted that just over \$35,000 has been raised so far. She asked members to consider signing up for open slots on the donor contact signup sheet. Witczak noted the April 29 Culvers share night coming up. Brueggeman added that she plans to have a table with stickers and possibly t-shirts available to push donations. Wisner offered to make keychains for sale. Cross offered to contact Pizza Ranch to set up a share night. Thiesen added a couple of ideas that the Committee could consider to add in for fundraising – including selling sponsorships of each ring in the “3-ring circus” of the splashpad, selling space on the mechanical cabinet for sponsor recognition, selling sponsorship for “Big Top” shade structure, bike racks with sponsor graphics and rather than selling bricks, create a “train track” effect on the paths leading to the pad and selling each “track” to sponsor. Approximately 40 “tracks” should be available. Committee members will consider additional opportunities at next meeting.

Witczak moved to go into a joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission to hear a presentation of design options and cost estimates from Parkitecture + Planning staff. Seconded by Wisner. Motion carried.

Presentation:

Blake Theisen and Katie McDonald from Parkitecture + Planning presented 3 design options and cost estimates for the Attridge Park Splashpad project. Discussion included safety of climbable (animal) features, slip resistance of concrete surfaces, gallons per day limits, the winterization process below and above ground, option for adding vertical features that replace ground ‘caps’ as money becomes available, wear and tear of the components of movable features, and spray zone of specific features. A design concept consensus was reached, using option 1 with changes to include substituting 2 spinners from option 2 on the first “ring” in place of 2 other spray features for more interaction opportunities; replace one “curved umbrella” in the second “ring” with an umbrella that spins; and changing the horse spray feature to be a giraffe (preferred) or zebra. Equipment cost estimates of each design: #1: \$146K; #2: \$132K; #3: \$178K. Design concept consensus + installation + restroom + shade structure estimate: \$450K with 10% contingency. Bids from contractors will determine final cost, and currently supplies (especially steel) fluctuates daily and will need to be revisited closer to bid date.

Action Items

Witczak moved to recommend option 1 with the changes to include substitution of the spinners and the giraffe or zebra. Seconded by Brueggeman. Motion carried.

Witczak moved to adjourn at 6:47pm, seconded by Wisner. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: May 3 at 5:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Hardy, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director